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**DECLARATION OF INVENTOR(S)
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A HIGH-THROUGHPUT DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY FOR THE HUMAN VIRUS CAUSING SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

was filed on March 24, 2004 as United States patent Application Number or PCT International patent application number 10/807,807 and was amended on _____ (if any).

I have read and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the invention in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or United States provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

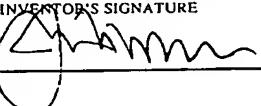
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